A True and exact Account

of the Tryal of Mr. *John Audouin*, Surgeon, who was try'd on *Friday* the 24th of this Inſtant *May*; for the Murther of his Servant Maid *Margaret Keef*.

With his Condemnation and Sentence of Death, which he received this Day.

THE *Court being ſat and the Jury ſworn, the Clerk of the Crown order'd the Goaler to put the Priſoner* John Audouin *to the Bar, which was accordingly done, then proceeded as follows,* viz.

John Audouin, *hold up your Right Hand to the Bar.*

Gentleman of the Jury, John Audouin *ſtands here Indicted for that he, not having the Fear of God before his Eyes, but led by the Inſtigation of the Devil, did treacherouſly Kill and Murder* Margaret Keef, *the* 20*th of* April, 1728. *the Firſt of His Majeſty's Reign, by giving her ſeveral mortal Wounds in her Body; contrary to his Majeſty's Peace, his Crown and Dignity, and contrary to the Form of the Statute in that Caſe made and provided. Upon this Indictment he has been Arrain'd, and upon his Arrainment he pleaded* Not Guilty; *and upon Tryal he put himſelf upon God and his Country, which Country you are.*

are. Now your Iſſue is to try if he is Guilty of this Murder and Treaſon, in Manner and Form as he ſtands Indicted and Arrained or not: If you find him Guilty, and that he fled for the ſame, your are to enquire what Goods or Chattels, Lands or Tenaments, he had at the Time of the Flight, or at any Time ſince; but if you find him not Guilty, and that he did not fly for the ſame, your are to ſay ſo and no more, ſo hear your Evidence.

The Witneſſes for the King are as follow.

Firſt, JANE *Carrier,*] Was the firſt Evidence for the Crown, who ſaid that in waſhing *Margaret Keef*, deceaſed, ſhe obſerved a Wound on her Head, given as ſhe imagn'd by the Piſtole, a Thruſt in the Orbit of her Right Eye, the Jugular Veins of her Neck cut thro' on both Sides, but the foremoſt Part of her Wind-pipe not touch'd, a deep Wound in her Breaſt and ſeveral Cuts upon her Right Hand, amounting in all to about 20 Wounds.

Second, Mrs. Kane,] Was next examin'd, ſaid that about 11 o'Clock at Night *Audouin*, came to her Shop (in the Street where *Audouin* lived,) told her that his Maid had murdered herſelf, ſhew'd very little concern, and ſaid nothing of his being robb'd, which he afterwards pretended.

Third, Winnifred Owns,] Swore that about 10 of Clock that Night ſhe ſaw ſaid *Margaret Keef*, deceas'd, come to the Door of ſaid *Audouin*'s Houſe, and lighted her Maſter ſaid *Audouin* in; that ſhe held a lighted Candle and Candleſtick in the one Hand, whilſt ſhe open'd the Door for him with the other.

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Fourth, William Conolly,] Declared that about 11 Clock, as near as he could compute, as he paſſed to' *Wood-ſtreet*, he ſyp'd a Man of low Stature, eping out of *Audouin*'s Door as in ſome Appre-nſion, and ſtanding to make Water he again per-ved the ſame Perſon peep out again, and then t the Door almoſt too. That ſoon after he open'd e ſaid Door wide came a-croſs the Street and joſt-againſt *Connelly*, That *Connelly*, then ask'd him at was the Matter, and was not all well with n, who anſwer'd not or ſomething to that pur-ſe, as *Connelly* thought, *in a Tone ſcarce to be heard,* d went ſtrait back into the ſaid Houſe and ſhut the Door. That *Connelly*, walking ſome Diſtance m the ſaid Houſe, and looking back ſaw the ſame ſon go a-croſs the Street to a Houſe oppoſite to n (Mrs. *Kane*'s Shop) where was Light, and ſoon er ſaw two or three People go back from thence, *Audouin*'s again and then *Connelly* went off.

Fifth, Peter Hutchinſon,] Declared that coming the e Night, to the ſaid *Audouin*'s upon the firſt Al-m of the Murther, he found the Door faſt ſhut no Entrance, which made him believe it was lſe Report and return Home; but upon a ſe-d, Notice that there were People at *Audouin*'s, he h two more went thither and ask'd *Audouin*, ther is Maid was not murthered, who anſwer'd was. *Hutchinſon*, then deſired to ſee her; but *uin* complain'd that he was robb'd, had loſt all Plate and was undone, and that they had taken y one of his Piſtoles that hung at his Parlour mney. *Hutchinſon*, declares that the Piſtole was

ſoon after found upon a Powder-box near the mur
thered Body, and his his Plate was alſo found b
ſaid *Hutchinſon*, except ſome particular Pieces whic
he pretended he had loſt, which if ever he had i
was reaſonable to believe he had convey'd awa
for that 'twas not probable that Robbers would lea
the beſt of the Booty and take only the worſt. Tha
when *Hutchinſon* was ſearching for the Plate, *Audou*
endeavour'd to ſcreen what was found from him
That *Hutchinſon* and his Wife obſerving the Hou
to have been lately waſh'd and clean deſired th
Standers by to take notice that there were no Im
preſſions of dirty Feet there, tho' the Weather w
then very foul, that nothing in the Houſe was di
ordered, and thereupon charged the Watch at the
Periles to ſecure *Audouin*. That *Audouin* made belie
to faint and fell in a Chair, when *Hutchinſon* di
arm'd him, that he quickly recover'd, but was i
a moſt prodigious and uncommon Sweat. That o
the 21ſt of *April*, the Day following the Murder h
the ſaid *Hutchinſon*, ſaw in *Audouin*'s back Parlour
Bed-Chamber, ſome drops of Blood, and Blood u
on the Stairs leading from thence to the Kitchin,
great Quantity of Blood at the Stair Foot, that h
ſaw a Mark upon the Floor as if the ſaid *Margare*
had been drag'd from the Stair Foot to where ſ
lay in the Kitchin, believes ſhe was kill'd in th
Bed-chamber, or at the Stair Foot, where he ſaw
great an Effuſion of Blood, and ſaid he ſaw a Clo
ſhown to the Cornor with the Impreſſion of a blood
Hand and bloody Knief or ſome ſuch Inſtrument.

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Sixth, *Margaret Hutchinſon*, Wife of the above *er*, Corroborated the former Evidence of her sband, and moreover declared that when he tended to faint ſhe felt his Pulſe, and that it t regular: That ſhe deſired him to tell the Par-lars of what he had loſt, which he ſeemed very willing to do, and delay'd getting Candles to rch the Houſe, till ſeeing her Husband ſending for ſome he unlock'd his Cheſt of Drawers with ey he took out of his Pocket, and taking the y of his Cloſet out of ſaid Drawers unlocked the ſet therewith, and gave out a Couple of Can-s, but with great Reluctancy. That the Alcove ere he ſaid his Plate lay was ſo fill'd with China are, that no Plate could fit therein as ſhe believed, t upon making this Remark, *Audouin*, ſaid he ed ſhe did not ſuſpect him, and upon her de-ing ſhe did, deſired her and her Husband to n out of his Houſe.

Seventh, *Hugh Smith*,] A Watchman who being d at the Watch Houſe in *Golden-Lane*, of the ſaid rther, come to the ſaid *Audouin*'s Houſe and nd two other Men along with ſaid *Audouin* that ke *French*, that he went down Stairs along with *Johnſton*, another of the Watch, and ſaw the rthered Maid, that ſaid *Audouin*, ſaid he was o'd, whereupon, *Smith* obſerving nothing diſ-ered in the Houſe, concluded that ſaid *Audouin*, commited the Murther, and obſerving two ll Speck of Blood upon the Linnen Sleeve he e on his Right Hand, ask'd him if he touched Maid ſince ſhe was murthered who ſaid he did.

not;

not; then *Smith* asking him wence he got the Blo on his Sleeve he then ſaid he did touch her.

Eighth, James Johnſton,] Swore that the ſa Night hearing of a Murder at *Audouin*'s Houſe, haſt'd thither, but finding the Door faſt and kno ing thereat was let in as he believes by *Audou* whom he found with two other Men in his Stre Parlour who told him that his Houſe was robb'd a his Maid murther'd, that *Johnſton* ſaw no Appe ance of a Robbery, but going down Stairs whe the murder'd Maid lay found a Glove by her, whi *Audouin* confeſs'd to be his, that *Johnſton* ſuſpect him thereupon cauſed the the Houſe to be ſcearch carefully for his Clothes; but could find none b what he had on and a Calaminco Night-gown.

Ninth, and laſt Evidence for the Crown was Ma garet Mooney, *Maid-Servant at the* Robin-Hood Dame's Street, *viz.*] Who declared, that on th Night *Eaſter* Eve, ſhe was in the next Room, to t Room where the *French* kept their Club, about h Buſineſs, that when the Club broke up, ſhe light them down Stairs, and ſaid *Audouin* among the re who deſired her to take ſome Drink they left b hind in a Mugg, ſhe went into the Kitchen to lo to a Ham ſhe had put down to boile about eigh and afterwards went up Stairs to her Maſter's ſtre Parlour, where his Clock ſtood, and it was the coming to the ſtroke of Ten.

The King's Evidence reſted, here tho' there were abo 10 *more material Evidence to produce.*

The *French* Men of the *Robin Hood* Club, that ga Teſtimony in his Favour, were Captain *Sorrelle* a

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wo more; ſaid *Sorrelle* averr'd, that it was Half an lour after Ten by his Watch when they left ſaid lub, and the others to the ſame Purpoſe. But be- g ask'd, whether they had heard the Drum beat hile at that Houſe? declared they had not. The ourt enquiring at them, what Cloaths he wore at Day? anſwered, he wore a gray or light co- ur'd riding Coat parting them; of which Coat, id *Audouin* cou'd, or at leaſt, wou'd give no ac- unt, tho' required: But when Mrs. *Hutchinſon* as at his Houſe, he wore a dark Sleeveleſs Coat Cloak, and which Coat, ſaid Mrs. *Hutchinſon* a- reſaid helped him on with, as he chanced to drop off his Shoulders.

Then appeared alſo in his Favour another Wo- an, particularly to aſperſe the Character of *Winni- ed Owens* aforeſaid, but ſhe was proved to be an infamous Woman by Mr. *Field*, one of the At- rney's of the Court, the ſaid *Winnifred Owens* ha- ng a very good Character given of her by *Thomas edrington* of *Woodſtreet*, whoſe Tenant ſhe is, and kewiſe by Mrs. *Kane* and others.

Another of his Evidences was —— *Spencer* in *ood-ſtreet*- who endeavouring to contradict Mr. *utchinſon* and his Wife, did fully coniradict him- f, as appeared by Mr. *Hutchinſon*'s reply to him the Table.

Mr. *Hannabel Hall* being called upon by the Pri- ner at the Bar to give a Character of him, was ked by the King's Council, in how ſhort a while e whole Maſs of Blood might be empty'd out of e Human Body, by cutting open the Jugulars,

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who answered, in about a Quarter of an Hou
which shewed with what Judgment she had b
wounded in that Part particularly: Then it
pear'd to the Court that he had more than sufficie
Time from his leaving his Company in *Dame-str*
to deprive her of Blood, Life and Motion.

Audouin produced several other Evidences, whe
of many were only to give a Character of him; b
upon the whole, they tended much more to co
demn than acquit him.

The Lord Chief Justice having summon'd up the E
dence, as well for the Prisoner as against him, omitt
nothing, as the Prisoner himself confessed, that cou'd m
for him, and fully to the Satisfaction of the Lawy
for the Crown. His Lordship was pleased to give t
Charge accordingly to the Jury, who without delay brough
in the Verdict, viz. *That the Prisoner at the Bar w*
guilty of said Murder and Treason, in Manner and For
as he stood Indicted of the same.

Dublin, May 29. *This Day Mr.* John Audouin *Su*
geon, was brought to the King's Bench Bar, where he r
ceived the following Sentence; That you John Audouin
return to the Place from whence you came, and there
continue till Wednesday *next the fifth of* June, *th*
to have your Irons knock'd of, and carried to the Place
Execution, where you shall hang by the Neck till alm
dead, and then to be cut down, and your Members to
cut out and burnt before your Face, and your Head s
vered from your Body and your Quarters to be at t
King's disposal, and the Lord have Mercy on yo
Soul.

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